

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kazutoyo MAEHIRO  
Group Art Unit: 2152  
Appln. No. : 09/820,530  
Examiner: Chad ZHONG  
Filed : March 29, 2001  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR JOINING ELECTRONIC  
CONFERENCE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 11, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 11, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.